

Guidelines for Writing an Illustrated Poem About the *Ramayana*

You will create an illustrated poem that summarizes the events and Hindu beliefs portrayed in the *Ramayana*. Use your notes from **Student Handout 2.2D** to help you as you write. Your poem must include these parts:

1. An appropriate title.
2. Fourteen couplets. A couplet consists of a pair of successive lines that rhyme and are of similar length. Here are examples of two couplets:

*A meeting of Gods in the heavenly hall,
To talk about Ravana, hated by all.*

*He tortured the Gods who could not react,
For with Brahma, Ravana had a pact.*
3. A summary of the main events in the *Ramayana* that includes at least five of these characters: Agni, Bharata, Brahma, Dasharata, Hanuman, Jatayu, Indrajit, Kaikeyi, Kausalya, Khara, Kumbhakarna, Lakshmana, Rama, Ravana, Sita, Surpanakha, Vasishtha, Vishnu.
4. A reference to at least three of these Hindu beliefs: Brahman, multiple Gods, dharma, karma, samsara.
5. Visuals that help the reader better understand the events and Hindu beliefs described in your poem.

Poem of Ramayana

king dasa wanted a heir
and the gods gave him a heir.

One day a boy was born.
Power of the god vishnu.

he tortured the gods who could not react,
For with brahma, Ravana had a pact.

destined to kill ravana.
Starting his journey as a prince.

fulfilling the kings wish to go away for 14 years.
Obeying his fathers wishes.

Killing ravanas demons,
quicker then the speed of light.

A forest full of demon blood,
we should rather call it demon blood forest.

Ravana starting to get tempting
as her sister gets rejected.

hanunman aiding some help,
killing a whole bunch of demons.

he marched his into the demons palace,
and ran to save his wife imprisoned in the
demons place.

And killed all ravans sibling,
including his own son.

then he slautered his neck
then their ravana lied dead.

And there was peice for the gods.

